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For: Multi-purpose Upright Support Stand with)	
Leg Assemblies having Hinge-Fitting)	

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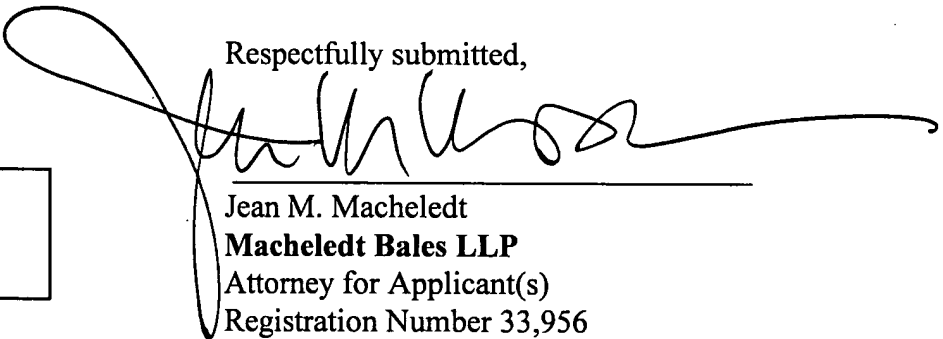
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Form PTO 1449 Reference Documents submitted at time of filing application	ATTY. DOCKET NUMBER: KWIL-101A	SERIAL NUMBER: 10/ --not yet assigned
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U.S. Patent Documents

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	4,196,881	8 Apr 1980	Davidson	248	157	
	6,454,228 B1	24 Sep '02	Bosnakovic	248	177.1	24-May-1999
	6,375,135 B1	23 Apr '02	Eason, <i>et al.</i>	248	166	15-Jan-1999

Other Documents

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT DETAILS
	Conventional tripod-type camera stands such as those distributed by Davis & Sanford online, three sheets retrieved, and printed on 6-Oct-2003, from www.tiffen.com/tripod_page.htm .
	Partial page brochure depicting both tripod-type and unipod-type camera stands distributed by Davis & Sanford
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